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SECTION 11B. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

TABLE 11B.1. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993		1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth					
	$	%	$	%	$	$	%	
6 388.6	190.6	2.9	22.2	0.3	6 601.4	681.3	10.3	7 282.7

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
6 579.2	22.2	-	-	22.2	0.3%

TABLE 11B.1 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1990-1991 estimated expenditures	1992-1993 estimated expenditures
(a) Services in support of:		
(i) Other United Nations organizations	-	-
(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	-	-
Total (a)	-	-
(b) Substantive activities		
World Food Council Trust Fund	100.0	100.0
Total (b)	100.0	100.0
(c) Operational projects	-	-
Total (c)	-	-
Total (a), (b) and (c)	100.0	100.0

Total, direct costs	7 382.7

TABLE 11B.2. ANALYSIS OF REVALUED 1990-1991 RESOURCE BASE (AT REVISED 1991 RATE)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

			Additional requirements							
			Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth		Recosting at revised 1991 rates					
	1990-1991 appropriation (1)	Non-recurrent 1990-1991 items (2)	Established posts (3)	Other objects of expenditure (4)	Established posts (5)	Other objects of expenditure (6)	Special adjustments (7)	Total (8)	Net additional requirements (9) (8)-(2)	Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base (10) (1)+(9)
World Food Council	6 388.6	-	-	-	105.5	85.1	-	190.6	190.6	6 579.2

TABLE 11B.3. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH, BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
Established posts	3 081.9	78.5	-	3 160.4	349.5	3 509.9	-
Temporary assistance for meetings	935.8	27.2	(196.4)	766.6	70.3	836.9	(20.3)
General temporary assistance	37.7	1.1	7.2	46.0	4.2	50.2	18.5
Consultants	72.0	2.0	-	74.0	6.8	80.8	-
Overtime	23.5	0.7	(7.4)	16.8	1.5	18.3	(30.5)
Ad hoc expert groups	-	-	40.4	40.4	3.7	44.1	-
Common staff costs	984.4	27.0	-	1 011.4	109.4	1 120.8	-
Representation allowances	6.0	-	-	6.0	-	6.0	-
Travel of representatives	87.4	2.8	-	90.2	8.4	98.6	-
Travel of staff	278.0	8.1	-	286.1	26.3	312.4	-
Language training	-	-	22.2	22.2	2.0	24.2	-
Contractual services	-	-	117.8	117.8	10.8	128.6	-
External printing and binding	-	-	36.1	36.1	3.3	39.4	-
General operating expenses	66.5	1.9	-	68.4	6.3	74.7	-
Rental and maintenance of premises	427.8	29.8	-	457.6	42.0	499.6	-
Rental and maintenance of equipment	37.3	1.1	-	38.4	3.5	41.9	-
Communications	159.8	4.6	-	164.4	15.1	179.5	-
Official functions	3.9	0.1	2.3	6.3	0.5	6.8	57.5
Supplies and materials	58.3	1.9	-	60.2	5.5	65.7	-
Furniture and equipment	21.3	0.7	-	22.0	2.1	24.1	-
Fellowships, grants and contributions	107.0	3.1	-	110.1	10.1	120.2	-
Total	6 388.6	190.6	22.2	6 601.4	681.3	7 282.7	0.3

TABLE 11B.4. POST REQUIREMENTS

Secretariat of the World Food Council

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-5	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
P-4	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	13
General Service category								
Principal level	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Other levels	12	12	-	-	-	-	12	12
Total	15	15	-	-	-	-	15	15
Grand total	28	28	-	-	-	-	28	28

SECTION 11B. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

11B.1 Established by General Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, the World Food Council is the United Nations intergovernmental body responsible for global policy coordination in the food and agriculture sector, with the central objective of the 1974 World Food Conference: the eradication of hunger and malnutrition. Composed of 36 Member States, represented at the ministerial level, the objectives of the Council are to sustain and expand a global campaign for the elimination of hunger and malnutrition and their poverty-related causes; to review and coordinate policies and programmes of Governments and organizations of the United Nations system, advocating effective approaches to food and hunger-related issues; and, in a rapidly changing global environment, to anticipate and monitor emerging food and hunger problems; and to mobilize assistance for Governments in support of their hunger alleviation efforts. The Council reports to the General Assembly (Second Committee) through the Economic and Social Council.

11B.2 In addition to its annual session, the World Food Council holds a series of regional and interregional meetings each year that focus on specific problem areas. The Council is the intergovernmental body providing overall direction to the work programme of its secretariat.

11B.3 The deliberations of the Council are based on analytical reviews, researched and prepared by its secretariat, on trends and developments in food and hunger-related areas.

11B.4 The secretariat of the World Food Council is responsible for subprogramme 5, Coordination of policies and action to combat world hunger, in Programme 11, Overall issues and policies, including coordination of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. During the biennium 1992-1993, the Council will emphasize its efforts to advance the implementation of the Cairo Declaration adopted in 1989, which provided a set of hunger-alleviation goals recently incorporated into the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. The secretariat also provides substantive and technical services to the annual session of the Council, biannual meetings of the Bureau of the Council, and the annual regional and interregional meetings of the Council.

Programme of work

Subprogramme. Coordination of policies and action to combat world hunger

11B.5 During the biennium 1992-1993, and in pursuance of the broad objective of the World Food Council under the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which is to translate commitment into action, the secretariat of the Council will seek to increase political support for the elimination of hunger and malnutrition.

11B.6 The deliberations of the Council are based on analytical reviews, researched and prepared by its secretariat, on trends and developments in food and hunger-related areas.

Activities:

1. International co-operation

External relations: Participation in intergovernmental forums, such as meetings of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the governing bodies of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the regional commissions.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation: Twelve reports submitted to the World Food Council (eighteenth and nineteenth sessions, 1992-1993): policy issues concerning the prospects for agricultural research and technology development in developing countries; assessment of national and regional food strategies; the global state of hunger and malnutrition (annually); the adequacy of efforts to achieve food security in developing countries and recommendations for improvement (annually);* the impact of evolving international trade on developing country economies as it affects their food efforts (annually); two reports submitted each year on subjects to be determined by the World Food Council at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions; and a report on food security issues emerging from global political and economic changes;* and four reports to intergovernmental regional and interregional meetings of the World Food Council: regional food security issues; and food security issues emanating from the Cairo Declaration and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

(b) Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work: the impact of economic adjustment on food security and nutritional levels in developing countries** (two background papers); and emerging food security issues early in the next century (two background papers).**

3. Information material and services

(a) Information kits: annual information handouts explaining issues addressed by the World Food Council and its recommendations for remedial action by the international community; four information briefs summarizing selected policy papers considered by the Council;** and an annual press kit relating to Council sessions;

(b) Press releases: press releases on World Food Council decisions and statements by Council members; press conferences in connection with attendance by the Council President and other Bureau members at the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

(c) Media seminars: annual media seminars, bringing together members of the media, the non-governmental organization community, national policy makers, elected Council officials and senior staff of the Council.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Collaboration with the following organizations in areas of common concern: Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) Subcommittee on Nutrition working on a global micronutrient initiative; the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), on the impact of economic adjustment policies/programmes on food security and nutritional levels in developing countries; the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and FAO, on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and on developments in the liberalization of international trade; and FAO, WFP and IFAD, on the coordination of activities among the Rome-based food entities of the United Nations system.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Temporary assistance for meetings

11B.7 The estimated requirements of $766,600 would provide for technical conference servicing of all World Food Council meetings, including translation and interpretation in six official languages. An amount of $117,800 would be redeployed to contractual services (see para. 11B.15 below). In addition, a reduction of $78,600 is proposed, based on past experience.

General temporary assistance

11B.8 The estimated requirements of $46,000, which include an increase of $7,200 met through redeployment from overtime, would provide for additional short-term staff during peak workload periods, and for the temporary replacement of staff on sick leave or maternity leave.

Consultants

11B.9 The estimated requirements of $74,000 relate to the need for advice on agricultural technology and biotechnology applied to agricultural matters in connection with the preparation of a report on the prospects for agricultural research and technology development in developing countries; on developments in Eastern Europe and its agricultural markets; on the impact of the achievement of a single European market and the resulting reorganization of the European Community's common agricultural policy on global food security issues; the preparation of reports to be determined by the Council at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions; and on information and communication techniques in connection with the preparation of information handouts explaining issues addressed by the Council and its recommendations for remedial action by the international community.

Overtime

11B.10 The estimated requirements of $16,800 would provide for additional hours worked by staff engaged in the preparations and the servicing of Council meetings. The proposed decrease of $7,400 is based on past experience.

Ad hoc expert groups

11B.11 The estimated requirements of $40,400 would be used for convening two meetings of experts on the subject of food security.

Travel of representatives

11B.12 The estimated requirements of $90,200 relate to travel for the President and members of the Bureau of the World Food Council for cabinet-level consultations with Governments between sessions of the Council, for attendance at meetings of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council, and to provide policy guidance and direction to the secretariat of the World Food Council.

Travel of staff

11B.13 The estimated requirements of $286,100 relate to travel by Council secretariat staff for substantive consultations with United Nations entities, financial institutions, regional institutions and other international organizations, for attendance at meetings of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and ACC, or in connection with the dissemination of information.

Language training

11B.14 The estimated requirements of $22,200 would provide for language training for staff of the World Food Council. Language classes at FAO are no longer available to other institutions.

Contractual services

11B.15 As mentioned in paragraph 11B.7 above, an amount of $117,800 is proposed for redeployement from temporary assistance for meetings to provide for contractual translation, revision, editing and typing of documents. It represents a technical adjustment designed to reflect more accurately the purpose for which the resources would be utilized.

External printing and binding

11B.16 An amount of $36,100 would provide for the printing of information handouts, pamphlets and press kits.

General operating expenses

11B.17 The estimated requirements of $68,400 would provide for maintenance of office equipment, reproduction equipment, local transportation, and storage and archiving of records.

Rental and maintenance of premises

11B.18 The estimated requirements of $457,600 would cover the rental costs for space occupied by the secretariat of the World Food Council in Rome.

Rental and maintenance of equipment

11B.19 The estimated requirements of $38,400 would provide for the use of office automation equipment.

Communications

11B.20 The estimated requirements of $164,400 would provide for the communications requirements of the Council, in line with past experience.

Official functions

11B.21 The estimated requirements of $6,300, including a proposed increase of $2,300, relate mainly to the ministerial session of the Council.

Supplies and materials

11B.22 The estimated requirements of $60,200 would provide for office supplies and reproduction material required for publications of the World Food Council.

Furniture and equipment

11B.23 The estimated requirements of $22,000 relate to the acquisition of office furniture and office automation equipment.

Fellowships, grants and contributions

11B.24 The amount of $110,100 represents the United Nations contribution to the ACC Subcommittee on Nutrition, established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2107 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977. The costs of the Subcommittee's operation are shared among its member organizations; and the World Food Council secretariat participates on behalf of the United Nations.